



DECEMBER 21ST, 2025

**FOURTH SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**

MASS TIMES:

DAILY: Mon, Tue, Fri & Sat

8:30am

SAT: 4pm

SUN: 9am, 11am

1pm at Vistancia Elementary
School

CONFESSIONS:

SAT: 9:30am - 10:30am

TUE: 9:30am & 5pm

ADORATION:

There will be no adoration
due to Christmas Mass Times

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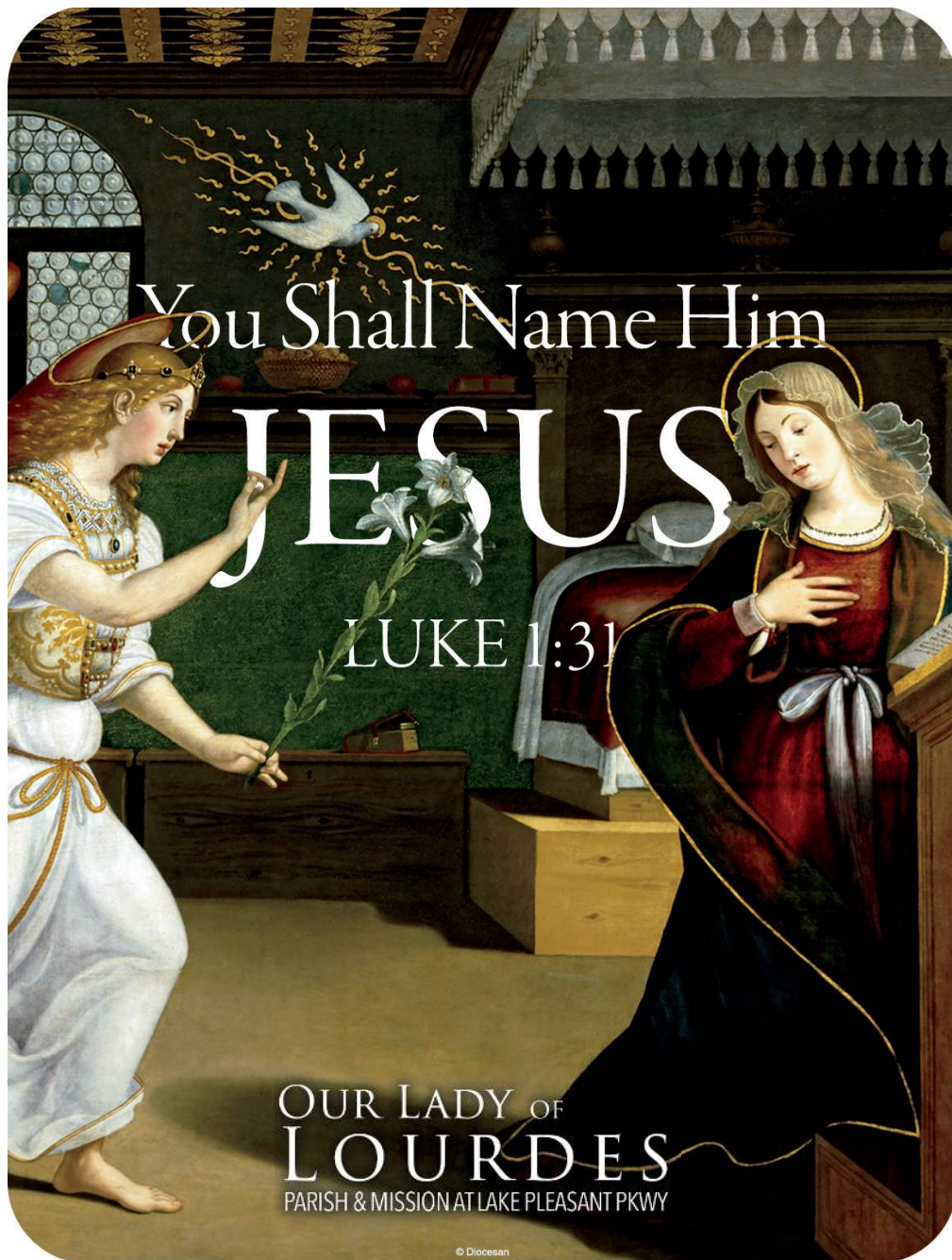
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Upholding the dignity of human life by nourishing it from
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Following the Way of Jesus in our Worship and Living

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DEC, 24TH TO JANUARY 4TH

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday, December 21st

9:00am For the Living and Deceased Members of The Cioppi & Pappalardo Families

11:00am † For the Soul of Thomas J. Dooley

1:00pm For the Parishioners

Monday, December 22nd

8:30am † For the Soul of Carol Ann Karbowski

Tuesday, December 23rd

8:30am † For the Soul of Thomas Samson

Wednesday, December 24th

4:00pm For the Living and Deceased Members of The Engel Family

4:15pm. † For the Souls of Edward & Margaret Klimek & Alvin Goodfriend

6:00pm For the Parishioners

Thursday, December 25th

9:00am † For the Soul of Mae Forbes

11:00am For the Intentions of Our Priests

1:00pm For the Deceased Family Members of those Who Attend The Mission Mass

Friday, December 26th

8:30am † For the Souls of Kimberly Bertoli White, Barry Bertoli and Doug Porter

Saturday, December 27th

8:30am For the Suffering Souls

4:00pm For the Parishioners

Sunday, December 28th

9:00am For the Relatives, Friends, Deceased and Living members of Maryanne Frison's Family

11:00am † For the Souls of William & Celeste Shovelski

1:00pm † For the Soul of Francis McElroy



WEEKLY READINGS:

Sunday, December 21st

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rm 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Monday, December 22nd

1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday, December 23rd

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday, December 24th

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79

Thursday, December 25th

The Nativity of the Lord

Vigil Mass: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

Mass during the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Mass at Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Mass during the Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Friday, December 26th

Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22

Saturday, December 27th

Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8

Sunday, December 28th

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



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WEEKLY GIVINGS:



Total Weekly Giving: 12/08 - 12/14:

\$24,758.



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Christmas at
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Christmas Eve

2025 DEC 24

4PM & 6PM IN CHURCH
4:15PM IN MADONNA HALL

NO DAILY MASS NO CONFESSIONS

Christmas Day

2025 DEC 25

9AM & 11AM IN CHURCH
1PM AT VISTANCIA MISSION

NO DAILY MASS NO CONFESSIONS

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

2025 DEC 31

4PM IN CHURCH

NO DAILY MASS NO CONFESSIONS

2026 JAN 1

9AM & 11AM IN CHURCH

Feast of the Epiphany

2026 JAN 3

4PM IN CHURCH

REGULAR SCHEDULE

2026 JAN 4

9AM & 11AM IN CHURCH
1PM AT VISTANCIA MISSION

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

2026 JAN 7

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REGULAR SCHEDULE

2026 JAN 8

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PLEASE STOP BY THE TABLES OF RELIGIOUS WARES (Nativity set, rosaries, statues, crucifixes, charms, etc.) AFTER ALL THE MASSES THE WEEKEND OF (December 20 & 21).

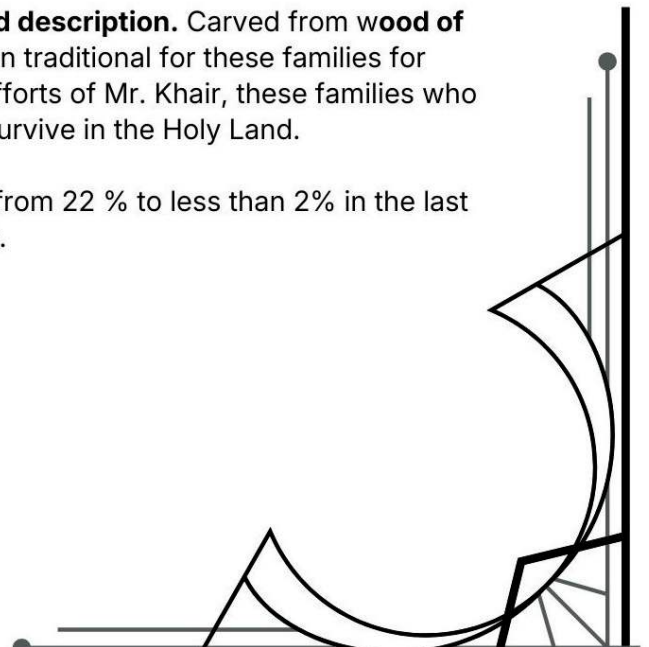


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Sadly enough, the Christian population dropped from 22 % to less than 2% in the last 20 years. Thank you in advance for your support.



SAINT PETER CANISIUS: TEACHER OF TRUTH IN A DIVIDED AGE

By Joey Langenbach

Saint Peter Canisius stands as a strong witness to faith, learning, and service within the Church. Born in 1521 in Nijmegen in the present Netherlands, Peter lived during a time of serious religious division across Europe. Protestant reform movements spread rapidly. Many Catholics lacked clear instruction and solid formation. Peter responded through study, preaching, and steady pastoral work.

Peter entered the Society of Jesus and received formation under Saint Ignatius of Loyola. This training shaped prayer, discipline, and mission. Ordination followed in 1546. Church leaders soon recognized strong gifts for teaching and leadership. Assignments carried Peter throughout Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and Bohemia. Each region faced tension caused by religious conflict and political pressure.

Education became Peter's primary tool for renewal. Jesuit colleges and universities grew under his guidance. These institutions formed clergy and lay leaders with clarity and charity. Peter also preached widely in cities and rural villages. Sermons explained Catholic teaching with respect and precision. Many listeners returned to sacramental life through this work.

Peter authored catechisms for everyday believers. Three editions served children, students, and scholars. Clear questions and answers presented core teachings of the Catholic faith. These texts shaped religious instruction for generations. Bishops praised accuracy and pastoral tone. Pope Pius V encouraged widespread use across Europe.

Peter served as an advisor during the years surrounding the Council of Trent. Defense of doctrine remained firm and charitable. Truth guided every argument. Personal attacks found no place in his writing. This approach earned trust across divided communities.

The Church venerates Saint Peter Canisius due to faithful service during a decisive era. Courage, learning, and humility defined his ministry. Pope Pius XI named Peter a Doctor of the Church in 1925. This title recognizes lasting influence on Catholic teaching and education.

The feast of Saint Peter Canisius invites reflection on personal faith. Learning strengthens belief. Charity shapes witness. Steady commitment bears fruit. Saint Peter Canisius offers a model for teaching truth with patience and courage.

Parish life continues to benefit from this legacy. Catechesis requires clarity and consistency. Schools and parishes share responsibility for formation. Parents, teachers, and clergy serve together. Prayer supports study. Study supports mission. Faith grows through daily effort. This feast day calls believers toward learning, service, and courage within the Church.



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The Caregiver's Companion

A Newsletter for Caregivers

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DECEMBER 2025

Surviving the Holidays:

As the signs of the holidays start popping up (neighbors' outdoor decorations, Christmas tree stands, Black Friday advertisements, and many more), family caregivers may start feeling overwhelmed and stressed even before December arrives. Managing the holidays while caring for another person places a heavy burden upon caregivers. What can caregivers do to survive the hustle and bustle of the holidays?

A good place to start is to ask oneself, "Just how much energy do I have to participate in all the busy-ness of the holidays?" Some caregivers who are already feeling stressed may realize that they have very little extra energy to focus on the holidays. Other caregivers may find that they are energized by the excitement that the holidays bring, and this excitement may help them manage the holidays comfortably.

In the case of the former, caregivers should conduct an honest assessment of their energy levels. From this assessment they can determine and make plans that are appropriate for the time and energy they have to spare. Once they have done this, they can inform family members and friends so that their expectations can be adjusted.

One approach to surviving the holidays is to think about gifting. Caregivers are constantly giving to their care receivers all through the year. In addition they are also giving their family members the gift of not having to be the main or sole caregiver. This is a huge gift of which many family members may be

totally ignorant and unappreciative. Perhaps December should become the month that family/friends give their time and energy to help family caregivers.

For this gift to happen, caregivers may need to take the initiative. While sharing with their family members and friends the status of their time and energy levels, caregivers can suggest that a wonderful gift for both of them (care receiver and caregiver alike) would be the gift of respite time (breaks for the caregiver). Caregivers can specify what they need. Some possible examples follow:

1. Take the care receiver to lunch or bring lunch to the care receiver.
2. Take the care receiver to doctor and/or physical therapy appointments.
3. Perform household tasks/chores and/or take in vehicle for maintenance/repair appointments.
4. Go shopping, pick up groceries, conduct other errands.
5. Come and spend some time visiting with the care receiver doing some of their favorite activities (going through photo albums, listening to music, working puzzles, watching movies, etc.)
6. Help put up holiday decorations inside the house and outside.

7. Handle the preparations for family gatherings and/or host family gatherings.
8. Help send out holiday cards and purchase holiday gifts.
9. Take the loved one to some holiday activities (concerts, plays, Santa visits, etc.)
10. After the holidays, help take down and store holiday decorations.

The purpose of assessing energy level, developing a list of respite time tasks, and sharing with family members and friends is to open up time for family caregivers to take a break. This is how one survives the holidays – looking after one's needs and engaging in self-care.

Some caregivers are blessed with family and friends who will respond positively to providing gifts of respite time. Unfortunately, some caregivers may find that they do not have such support. In those cases, they may need to utilize community resources such as adult day care centers or contact organizations such as The Alzheimer's Association about receiving respite support. To take care of themselves, caregivers need to find the courage to admit they need support and then ask for it.

As you move through the next few weeks, may you receive gifts of time that will allow you some peaceful, calm moments to enjoy the spirit of the holidays and renew your strength and energy.

To read more about reducing holiday stress, click on these links:

<https://www.caregiver.org/resource/caregiving-and-holidays-stress-success/>

<https://www.aarp.org/caregiving/life-balance/info-2018/holiday-stress-tips.html>

RESOURCES:

AARP support line: 877-333-5885, to connect with caregiving community visit website at <https://www.aarp.org/caregiving/>

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Caregiver Action Network Help Desk: 855-227-3640, for support groups visit <https://caregiveraction.org/forum>

Family Caregiver Alliance dedicated to helping family caregivers take care of those with physical and cognitive impairments. Visit their website at <https://www.caregiver.org>

Help Desk: 855-227-3640, for support groups visit <https://caregiveraction.org/forum>

The Caregiver Space for articles on various aspects of caregiving and general and specific online caregiver support groups visit www.thecaregiverspace.org



Our Lady of Lourdes

OCIA Announcement

Class Times

Dec. 21st & 28th
Christmas Break

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Saturday, Feb 14, 2026
1:00pm



Location:

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Celebrants:

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12:15 pm - Confessions
1:00 pm - Mass
2:30 pm - Distribution of Lourdes Water





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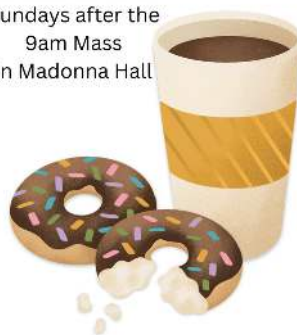
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- 4:00 PM - Mass

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This Sunday’s second reading also speaks of the Spirit of holiness and how each of us are called to be holy. This Sunday’s Gospel tells of when the angel spoke to Joseph saying, “do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her”. The grace given by the Holy Spirit to Mary, Joseph and Jesus set them apart. What a wonder that you and I have access to the same Holy Spirit and the same grace to to be set apart for the special task to change the world

Petition:

That we may live up to the call to be holy, set apart for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ....

Stewardship: Grace In Action

This Advent, let’s prepare together — not only with candles and prayers, but with lives that reflect the hope we proclaim. Ask yourself:

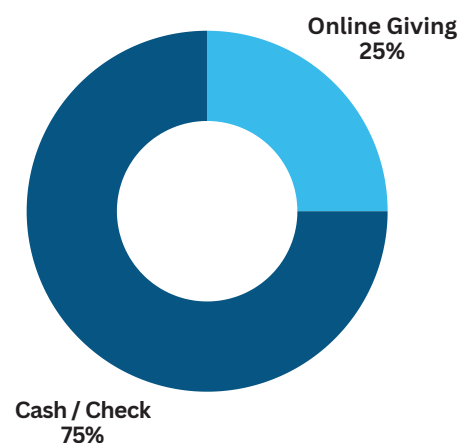
- **Where is God asking me to give more faithfully?**
Not just from surplus, but from trust.
- **Who needs my presence and care right now?**
A neighbor, a ministry, a family in hardship, a lonely soul.
- **What part of my heart have I kept closed?**
Advent is a grace-filled moment to reopen it.

Stewardship isn’t only about resources.

It’s about readiness. It’s how we stay spiritually awake.

Your Sacrificial Giving Totals
December 14th, 2025
Thank you for sharing your treasure!

Plate Giving (Cash & Check)	\$14,818.85
Mission Giving	\$699.00
Electronic Giving	\$5,200
Total Giving	\$20,717.85
Building Fund	\$195
Respect Life	\$20
Retirement Fund	\$60
Immaculate Conception	\$2,129
Christmas	\$530
Maintenance Fund	\$0
Operations Fund	\$0



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BEAR A SON &
YOU ARE TO
NAME HIM JESUS*

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